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set off against the demand of one of the partners in a suit founded on his individual contract: *Jackson et al. vs. Clymer, for use, &c.*

Will—Alternative Legacy.—If a legacy be given to one by name, and in the event of his death to another, the alternative gift will take effect, if the first legatee die in the testator's lifetime: *Martha May's Appeal*.

So where a legacy is given to a class, and in the event of the death of one who would have been a constituent of the class before a defined period, his share over to another, that other will take, though the first legatee die in the lifetime of the testator: the alternative gift will be supported, if the first legatee be one who would have taken had he lived to the period of distribution: *Id.*

NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS.

REPORTS OF CASES ARGUED AND DETERMINED IN THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS. By HORACE GRAY, JR. Vol. IX. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. 1863.

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THE MASSACHUSETTS DIGEST. Being a Digest of the Decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, from the year 1804 to the year 1857. By EDMUND H. BENNETT and FRANKLIN F. HEARD. In two volumes. Little, Brown & Co. 1863.

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